Youths collecting donations for Maoists

681. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that youths in Naxalite affected States and areas have started collecting donations for Maoists;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the youths from the Naxalite affected States have been joining mainstream with Naxals; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to check such youths joining in the Naxalites groups?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Law and order being a State subject, dealing with the various aspects/issues related to naxalite activities in a State primarily lies in the domain of the concerned State Government, and taking steps as appropriate and necessary is a continuous process. Crime related to extortion, etc. is registered, investigated and prosecuted by the State Government.

Concerned State Governments take necessary action to deal with naxalite activities. The Central Government supplements their efforts and resources by a variety of measures that include deployment of Central paramilitary forces which work under the control of the State Government concerned, sanctioning of India Reserve battalions, assistance for strengthening of the State police and Intelligence agencies, re-imbursement of security-related expenditure, assistance in training of State police forces, sharing of Intelligence, bringing about inter-State coordination and assistance in development works through a range of schemes of different Ministries, including various income-generating, public-utility and social-security schemes of Ministries like Rural Development, Agriculture, Youth Affairs and Sports, Panchayati Raj and Tribal Affairs.

National project to tackle earthquakes

†682. SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has submitted any national project before the Natural Disaster Management Authority to make preparation in India on the lines of Japan, to tackle earthquakes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether highly earthquake prone districts of the country have been identified; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to protect these districts?

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has submitted a Concept Note on "National Earthquake Risk Mitigation Project" for capacity building of engineers, architects, and construction fraternities. The proposal is in conceptual stage.

(c) The building Materials and Technology Promotion Council (BMTPC) under Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation has published a Vulnerability Atlas of India which *inter-alia* contains hazards maps for each State and Union Territory thereby indicating the vulnerability with reference to earthquake upto district level.

(d) (i) NDMA has laid down guidelines for the "Management of Earthquakes" in April 2007 with a view to reduce earthquake risk, and minimize the impact, loss of lives and damage to property caused by earthquakes. The guidelines prescribe measures for Central Ministries and Departments and State Governments to prepare disaster management plans having specific components on earthquake risk management.

(ii) Union Government is implementing a National Programme for Capacity Building of Engineers and Architects in Earthquake Risk Management to ensure seismic safe construction by training of structural engineers and architects at reputed institutions.

(iii) Government has also sent advisories to State Government and Union Territory Administrations from time to time to take up various disaster mitigation and preparedness measures including measures relating to earthquake mitigation and preparedness by way of adoption of modern building bye-laws to ensure seismic resistant construction.

(iv) Government is also implementing a Urban Earthquake Vulnerability Reduction Project in 38 cities falling in Seismic Zones III to V and having a population of 5 lac or more. The project aims at reducing the vulnerability of these cities to earthquakes by preparation of response plans at various levels, training of architects and engineers in seismicc safe construction practices etc.

Looting of arms and ammunitions by Naxals in Orissa

683. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA:
SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Naxals recently attacked a police station in Orissa and looted arms and ammunitions;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that intelligence system has totally failed in this regard and police did not have any clue about Naxals who came in large number and heavily armed;

(c) how many Naxal attacks have taken place in Orissa, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh during the last one year;

(d) how may people including security people have been killed, State-wise details; and